

EXHIBIT NO. 1

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Receipt of the Following Resignations From Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

Alexandria Commission on Information Technology  
Samaria Sherman

***Samaria Sherman  
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October 23, 2005

City of Alexandria  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
ATTN: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

Effective immediately, I resign my Citizen At Large position from the City's Commission on Information Technology (IT).

I have served on this committee for two years. I applied to be on the commission because I wanted to support the Commission's mission of supporting and adopting beneficial recommendations and advising the City in the formulation and implementation of information and telecommunications policy. I have served on several sub-committees of the Commission including the 2004 Information Technology Plan and the 2004 Re-evaluation of the Mission Statement. In 2005 I was elected to be the Secretary of the Commission. However, during my two year tenure, I have been disappointed in the leadership and accomplishments of the Commission. Most of the Commission's emphasis has been on managing our relationship with Comcast and managing the Annual Technology week. While I believe these activities are very important, I think the same level of energy should be exerted into other beneficial activities to support the City's IT needs.

I think the Commission should make far better use of the Commission's skilled citizen members, all of whom are IT professionals, by developing more working groups with guidance to leading the City to implement leading-edge technologies including, security, enterprise architecture consultation, facilitation the application to receive of grants, and assist in using the grants proceeds for the implementation of technologies throughout the City.

I recommend that the council review the charter and activities of the Commission to determine whether it serves an important and needed function for the City and whether it should continue in its current form and leadership.

I have over 22 years of IT project management experience, with a diverse background including Information Systems audits, desktop application support, telecommunications, systems development, product development, and network and design and implementation. Further, in the summer of 2005, I completed my Masters of Science in Business Technologies & Information Systems from George Washington University.

I appreciated the opportunity to serve as a member of the Commission in the past two years. I would consider serving in the future if the recommendations suggested are seriously considered for implementation.

Sincerely,

Samaria Sherman

cc: IT Commission members  
Ms. Rose Boyd, Director of the Citizen Assistance Office